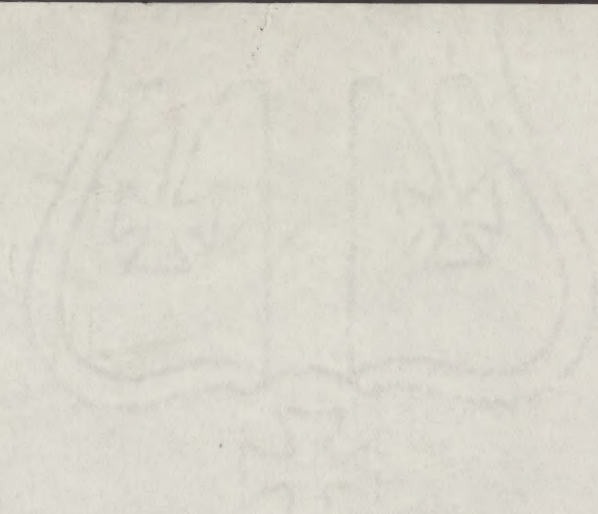




ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

1957 - 1958

Department of Special Collections
Annual Report
July 1, 1957 - June 30, 1958.

As in the past, the annual report for the Department of Special Collections consists of several parts. These preliminary remarks, though containing some specific data on gifts and purchases that are not covered elsewhere, serve mainly to introduce the more detailed summaries of the year's accomplishments submitted by Miss Alice Bonnell on the state of the collections, Mr. Kenneth Lohf on reader service, Miss Joan Baum on exhibitions, and Mr. Lev Magerovsky on the Russian Archive. Mr. Halsey Thomas (Columbiana) and Miss Darthula Wilcox (S.L.S.) have submitted separate reports.

The major development in the Department this year has to do with the elimination from our shelves of non-rare materials. The need to simplify our reader-service procedures and to increase the availability of non-rare items by placing them in circulating collections has been voiced many times in these reports. This year we have made significant progress in doing something about the matter.

Miss Bonnell reports that 6,133 volumes were removed from Special Collections during the past year. Of these, 3,921 were from the Dramatic Museum library, reducing that collection by more than half. In addition, more than a thousand volumes were removed from the Book Arts collection and a similar number from the Typographic library. Meanwhile only 3,491 were being added to Special Collections, and a net reduction of 2,642 in our book count (to 199,801) is to be recorded.

A. Acquisitions by Gift.

The report year 1957/58 has seen gift acquisitions maintain and in many respects surpass those of other recent years. Four major collections of manuscripts were presented, two notable collections of books, and two groups of paintings, prints and drawings. This does not take into account the gift of funds for the purchase of the John Jay collection, some of which were donated during the present period, because a full reckoning of these donations was included in our

last annual report. Following are resumes of some of the more important gifts of the present year.

1. Arthur Rackham original sketches and drawings. These were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Berol, members of the Friends. Numbering fifty-three pieces, these originals augment the earlier gift by the Berols of a nearly complete collection of Rackham's published work.
2. The Engel Library. Mr. and Mrs. Solton Engel presented their personal collection of rare first editions, autographed copies, and some letters. The collection numbers 343 pieces, and includes ninety first and rare editions of Kipling, twenty-five of Millay, twenty of Mark Twain, and an autographed copy of Whitman's Leaves of Grass in the first issue. For the time, Mr. and Mrs. Engel are retaining the collection in their New York apartment.
3. The Lewis Corey papers. This is a large collection of the manuscripts and correspondence of Louis C. Fraina (later known as Lewis Corey) relating to his connection with and final departure from the American communist party. Corey (1892-1953) was a prolific writer, and the collection of papers which his widow has presented to Columbia will be most useful to the study of political movements between the two world wars.
4. Indian Treaties. The original folio printings of government proclamations containing the texts of treaties between the United States and various Indian tribes are not easily come by. Mr. Lindley Eberstadt, a member of the Friends, has presented 113 of these, ranging in date from 1833 to 1870.
5. "The American Story". Mr. Carl Haverlin, president of Broadcast Music, Incorporated, has placed at Columbia the manuscripts, correspondence, and final scripts of the series known as "The American Story". The short radio programs, designed to bring American history to wide audiences, have been prepared by leading authorities in association with the Society of American Historians. The collection now comprises

212 scripts, and later ones will be added.

6. The Mayor's Court Papers. About 2,000 pieces, ranging in date from 1681 to 1819, were presented through the good offices of Mr. Donald/^{L.}Newborg. This is the collection formed by the late Dr. Benjamin Salzer, and it includes records of cases argued before the Mayor's Court of New York City. These papers overlap and supplement those on file in the office of the Commissioner of Records of New York County.
7. Bibliography of Children's Literature. This is a large collection of notes and data assembled by the late Miss Clara Everett Shackleton in her work of preparing a complete bibliography of juvenilia, text books, and works for moral teaching of the young. This work was interrupted by Miss Shackleton's death in December, 1957, but her notes and the large amount of finished typescripts will be useful to future scholars of the subject.
8. The Winston Churchill Collection. Mr. Daniel Longwell has formalized his gift of first and important editions of the writings of Sir Winston Churchill, but inasmuch as the books have not been received as the report year ends, a full description of this gift is reserved for next year's report.
9. The Cassini Planisphere. Columbia's collection of historical maps was augmented by the addition of an extraordinarily rare item, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander O. Viotor, members of the Friends. The map is the 1696 engraving of the important planisphere (world map) of Jean Domenique Cassini, of which only four other copies are known.

The above are selections from a much larger number of gifts. In all, during the year 1957/58 a total of eleven collections, 670 books, 208 manuscripts, four maps, and 91 paintings, drawings and prints were received by gift in Special Collections. The estimated value of these materials is \$56,279.50. These totals may be compared with those of last year, 1956/57, which saw the receipt of fifteen

collections, 419 books, 35 manuscripts, and three miscellaneous items having a total estimated value of \$57,587.50. Of this year's gifts, 548 books, 173 manuscripts, 91 paintings, drawings and prints, and four maps valued at \$50,327.50 were presented by sixteen members of the Friends, while eleven collections, 122 books and 35 manuscripts, valued at \$5,952, came from 36 individuals who are not enrolled as Friends.

B. Acquisitions by Purchase.

In Miss Bonnell's section of this report the details of the growth of Special Collections during 1957/58 are summarized. Some of the more notable purchases made by means of endowment and other funds are worthy of special mention here.

1. Bancroft Fund. The principal acquisition by means of this fund was that of the four bound volumes of John Jay's letterbooks for the period from December, 1779, to December, 1789. They include not only clerk's copies of Jay's correspondence, incoming and outgoing, for that period, but also his memoranda describing the reasons for and results of the letters.

A collection of twenty-one operational maps of the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Ohio, mainly 1862 and 1863, was also acquired by means of the Bancroft Fund.

2. Lodge Fund. This fund was used for the purchase of 182 items for addition to the Gonzalez Lodge Classical Library. Of these, two are manuscripts of the fifteenth century (Cicero's Paradoxa and Plutarch's De gubernatione vitae); fourteen are early printed editions (1471 to 1500), among them being two of which no other copies are recorded as being in America (Aristotle's Ethica, ca. 1478, and Cicero's De officiis, 1492); 100 are 16th century imprints, including a number of vernacular translations (N. B., Thomas Drant's English rendering of Horace's Arte of Poetrie, 1567); 55 17th-century and 11 18th-century imprints.

3. Smith Fund. Twenty-two items were purchased for the David Eugene Smith Library on the History of Mathematics. Among these is a collection of 75 letters and 85 post-cards from Felix Klein to Professor Ludwig Schlesinger, written between 1910 and 1922 and dealing with mathematical matters. One medieval manuscript was purchased, the Dialectica - De fide orthodoxa of John of Damascus, which contains a series of mathematical diagrams not present in any other known manuscript or printed edition. The earliest printed item is Zacutus' Almanach perpetuum, 1502; but special mention should be made of Pisani's Astrologia, seu motus et loca siderum, 1613, which contains a large number of astronomical charts. Two rare works by Tycho Brahe (Epistolarum astronomicarum, 1596, and De mundi aethere, 1603) were also acquired.
4. Park Benjamin Fund. Several items were purchased by means of this gift fund, one of which is of exceptional nature, the rare first issue in printed wrappers of William C. Bryant's The White-Footed Deer, 1844.
5. Special Collections Fund. In all, 80 items were purchased by this fund. Special mention should be made of the collection of autograph letters and memorabilia relating to Charles S. Reinhart, American illustrator and artist; an early 15th-century anonymous manuscript of a satirical poem on monasticism; a collection of three letters and an unpublished manuscript poem in the handwriting of Lorenzo da Ponte; and a fine set of Clarendon's History of the Rebellion, first edition, 1702-04.

C. Premises and Staff

No changes of reportable significance occurred in the premises of Special Collections during the past year.

Many changes in staff have occurred, but these have taken place in the expected areas of G. A. and junior assistants. The one change involving a professional position was the assignment as of July 1, 1957, of one half of the time of Miss Joan Baum to the work of assistant to the Head of Special Collections. Miss Baum

formerly gave full time to the cataloging of Graphic Arts books. At the same time Miss Baum's classification was changed from PA₂ to PA₃.

Respectfully submitted,

Roland Baughman
Head of Special Collections

To: Dr. Richard H. Logsdon
Columbia University Libraries
July 1, 1958.

Care and Organization of the Collections

Alice H. Bonnell - Assistant Special Collections Librarian

I. Printed Materials

Acquisition

The collections have been increased this year by the addition of 3491 new volumes (2187 catalogued and 1304 uncatalogued). This represents an increase of 99 volumes over last year's figure of 3392. The uncatalogued titles include 113 original Indian Treaties published by the State Dept. representing agreements reached by the United States Army and various Indian tribes from 1833 to 1870, the gift of Lindley Eberstadt; 983 historical maps, transferred from the Geology Library, and two presented to the Libraries - the rare 1696 Cassini Planisphere, of which only four other copies are known, given by Mr. and Mrs. O. Vietor; and an Engraved Chart of the World showing the isogonic lines as determined by Edmund Halley, Amsterdam, Ottens, [1740], the gift of Dr. Dallas Pratt. 526 volumes were received from the Medical Library to be added to the Medical Deposit.

Cataloging

Cataloging of printed materials has proceeded along usual lines this year, with the concentration of work on materials received in previous years (Berlioz, Seligman, Spinoza, Smith, Typographic). A total of 6825 volumes were processed, 2187 of which were new acquisitions and 4638 were of previous holdings. Work on the Berlioz Collection was completed, and, at the year's end, the Spinoza Collection is all but done.

Weeding

The collections were decreased in 1957-1958 by the transfer of 6133 non-rare volumes from the department. Selected for removal from the Dramatic Museum were 3921 volumes. The collection now contains 3192 catalogued and 415 uncatalogued volumes. The Book Arts Collection was decreased by 1116 volumes of which 65

volumes were transferred to Graphic Arts and 458 to the Children's Historical Collection. 537 volumes from the Typographic Library were transferred to Graphic Arts and 485 others were sent from this collection for absorption into other library collections as needed.

The gradual transfer of non-rare materials from Special Collections to other departments of the Libraries, where possible, will give longer hours of access to this material for students and, by reducing the amount of supervision required for non-rare materials in Special Collections, will free more staff time for concentration on the rare materials.

Departmental Holdings - Printed materials

The total recorded holdings in printed materials stand at 199,801 volumes as of June 30, 1958, a decrease of 2,142 volumes from 1956-57 holdings. Of these approximately 63,426 volumes are still uncatalogued or in the process of transfer from other departments (i.e. Montgomery and Science collections).

II. Manuscripts

Acquisition

The department's holdings have been increased by the addition of 249 individual manuscripts, including 116 French documents of the 16th to 18th centuries, the gift of Harry G. Friedman, and 28 manuscript collections (ca. 50,000 items). The latter includes the John Jay Papers; the George Leslie Harrison Papers on the Federal Reserve System; the Richard Worsam Meade Collection on Motor Transportation; The Mayor's Court Papers, the bequest of Benjamin Salzer; The Lewis Corey Papers, gift of his wife; the correspondence and manuscripts relating to "The American Story", gift of Carl Haverlin, President of Broadcast Music, Inc. These additions bring the total number of collections to 305. Of these 176 are arranged and indexed, 99 are arranged but not indexed and 30 are neither arranged nor indexed. Additions were made also to the Barzun, Berlioz, Erskine, Vanderlip,

Champfleury, Putnam, Brand, J. T. Adams, Rank and University Seminars collections.

74 memoirs were added to the Oral History Research Office file of Reminiscences, including those of Judge Learned Hand, Claude G. Bowers, Clarence B. Kelland, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., William Savacool, Claude R. Wickard, Reinhold Niebuhr, Thomas H. McKitterick, etc.

Cataloging

8825 letters and documents were sorted, filed and indexed in part for 36 collections including: John Jay Papers, Frank A. Vanderlip Papers, John Watts (Pres. of P. & S.) Correspondence, Thomas Kilby Jones Papers, Curtis Hidden Page (poetry mss.) Papers, Alexander Hamilton Letters, John Lechtrecker correspondence, Hector Berlioz correspondence, Typographic Manuscripts, Park Benjamin correspondence, etc. The indexing and calendaring of the Jay Papers is still in process.

Vanderlip Papers

In February 25 hours of GA time were added to the Special Collections weekly staff budget to relieve June Lord-Wood of her Reading Room Desk assignments for work on the Vanderlip Papers, the time to be paid for out of the Vanderlip fund. \$500 was expended to cover 25 hours for 17 weeks. During that time the collection was unpacked and a preliminary sorting made, separating printed materials and placing the large groups of letters in a rough alphabetical order. About 2500 items have been processed in final form as of June 30, 1958. It will probably require another six months or possibly a full academic year at the same rate to complete work on this collection.

III. Binding

Our binding allotment for 1957-58 of \$2500 plus an extra \$1500 assigned in April for this purpose has enabled Special Collections to make some progress in keeping abreast of the increased binding necessitated by increased cataloging. There are, in addition to the current binding, of course, many volumes still to be

cared for which were laid aside in the past when binding funds were lower.

471 volumes were sent to the commercial binder in 1957-1958, 121 of them being the master's essays for the year. This item, chargeable to Special Collections for the first time this year, in effect cancelled the \$500 increase in our binding allotment.

The repair of leather bindings which need expert attention for their preservation remains a major problem as this involves the services of Miss Von Dobeneck.

1379 volumes were sent to the local bindery for board portfolios and minor repairs.

IV. Book Oiling

An attempt has been made this year to allot some staff time to the oiling and polishing of leather bindings. About 500 of the more unusual ones have been done since January. In conjunction with this and a projected exhibition of historical bookbinding, a detailed catalog is being made of the bindings of note in Special Collections. It is hoped that in time outstanding bindings in other departments may be included.

CIRCULATION
~~ANNUAL~~
~~MONTHLY~~ STATISTICS

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

LIBRARY Special Collections

DATE: 1957-58

	I. USE IN LIBRARY		II. CIRCULATION	
	A. Reserve	B. Non-reserve	A. Reserve	B. Non-reserve
Units	1. Signed 2. Shelving	1. Signed 2. Shelving		
Books		9086		1
Unbound periodic.				
Vertical file				
Graphic Materials				
Micro-film				
Phonograph Records				
Catalogs				
Rental Reserve				
Mss.		1710		
Sub Total		10796		
Grand TOTAL				10797

III. INTER & INTRA LIBRARY LOANS	
A. Interlib. loan service	
B. Local inter. loan service	37
C. Intralib. loan service	1024
D. Photo service	740
E. Technical service	6272
TOTAL	8073
Attendance Total door count	4332
Attendance Average spot check	
Hours open during month	2565
Receipts for rental reserves	

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STATISTICS
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	1957/58	1956/57	1955/56	1954/55
Reader's visits	4332	4584	4487	4006
Use on Premises	10796	12063	11346	10951
Printed books	(9086)	(9721)	(9626)	(9034)
Manuscripts	(1710)	(2342)	(1720)	(1917)
Circulation	1	37	7	64
Intramural loan	1763	1894	2456	2124
Local Int. Lib. loan	37	65	55	71
Cataloging Dept.	(4422)	(4188)	(3522)	(2395)
Binding Dept.	(1850)	(1572)	(704)	(780)
Total use	12597	18643	13864	13210

(Figures in brackets are not included in the totals)

Growth of the Collections

I - Printed Materials

New Acquisitions catalogued 2187

"B"	1279
"B" (doc. diss.)	263
"B" (ms. cata.)	77
Benjamin, Park	54
Book Arts	176
Columbiana (doc. diss.)	33
COA (Master's Essays)	121
COP (Pulitzer prize awards)	14
Epstean	52
Howard, Bronson	18
Jeanne d'Arc	9
Kilroe	10
Microfilm	6
Reference	56
Smith	19

Previous Acquisitions catalogued. 4638

"B" (from Typographic)	214
"B" (from Conway)	103
"B" (from Book Arts)	132
"B" (from Science)	202
Book Arts (from Typographic)	829
Berlioz	219
Lodge	53
Macy	371
Montgomery	6
Smith	110
Seligman	1538
Spinoza	861

Total Printed Materials catalogued 6825

New Acquisitions uncatalogued 1304

Incunabula 36
 Historical maps (trans. from Geology) 983
 Lodge 172
 American Indian treaties 113

Additions to deposit collections 526
 (not included in department's holding)

Medical Library rarities 526

Transferred from Special Collections 6133

Dramatic Museum to G. L. 3921
 Book Arts to G. L. 593
 Book Arts to S. L. S. 458
 Book Arts to Graphic Arts. 65
 Typographic to Graphic Arts. 537
 Typographic to G. L. 485
 "Y" to G. L. 44
 Typographic to S. L. S. 30

Total recorded holdings - Printed materials - 6/30/57 202,443

New acquisitions catalogued 2187
 New acquisitions uncatalogued. 1304

Transfers from Special Collections 6133

Total recorded holdings - Printed materials - 6/30/58 199,801

II - Manuscripts and Manuscript Collections

New Acquisitions

Individual manuscripts 249
 Manuscript collections 28 (ca. 50,000 items)
 (and additions to 11 collections previously received)
 "X" 39
 Oral History Research Office - Reminiscences 74

Individual manuscripts processed 8825 (from 36 collections)

Total Recorded Manuscript holdings 6/30/58

"X" (book manuscripts catalogued) 2231
 Authors' manuscripts 32
 Archival and manuscript collections 305
 Arranged and indexed 176
 Arranged but not indexed. 99
 Neither arranged nor indexed 30

III - Number of titles for which catalog cards have been received and filed. . . . 5518
(each title has a minimum of 4 cards)

IV - Reference letters written by the Assistant Librarians. 154



Use of the Collections

Kenneth A. Lohf - Assistant Special Collections Librarian, Readers' Services

A major improvement in the Reading Room this year has been the addition of a new sixty-drawer card catalog. This was necessary to expand the Chronological File, but the new catalog also allowed us to shift the other Reading Room catalogs into a more logical and workable sequence. The shelf lists now occupy two sections behind the Reading Room desk; the manuscript files, the Seligman catalog, and the Typographic Library catalog are now contained in separate catalog units. Printed signs have also been made and attached to each of the catalogs. Another improvement in the Reading Room has been the installation of an electric clock, which hangs on the balcony at the west end of the room.

Because of the interest of certain faculty members, notably Professor Paul Kristeller, the manuscript catalog collection continues to grow through the purchase of new items and the transfer of pertinent material from the General Library. The collection has been shifted this year to make room for this material and to allow for further growth, and the new arrangement has met with the approval of the most frequent users of the collection.

This year the Epigraphy and Papyrus Collections were placed under the supervision of Special Collections. Since the monographs and periodicals supporting these areas constitute a circulating collection, regulations regarding them do not easily mesh with those in force for other materials in Special Collections; so, for the time being, books and serials continue to be charged out through the 3rd floor circulation desk. New materials and books requiring binding attention are, however, processed in Special Collections. Readers approved by Professor John Day are allowed access to the room, the key to which is kept at the Reading Room desk. This division of responsibility has worked smoothly during the past year.

Another major undertaking of the year has been the completion of the manuscript of Manuscript Collections in the Columbia University Libraries, an alphabetical catalog with corresponding descriptions of the manuscript collections in this department, as well as those in the Avery, Columbian, East Asiatic, Law and Medical Libraries. Two hundred and ninety-two collections have been examined and described in the catalog. The following information has been given for each of the collections: name, type of manuscripts, dates covered by the collection, number of items, location, description of the contents, and a note concerning gift or bequest when applicable. There will also be a subject index. Efforts are now being made to have the catalog published, and it is hoped that it will be issued sometime early in the fall. The catalog should, of course, prove extremely useful to Columbia faculty members engaged in and supervising research, particularly in the fields of the social sciences and the humanities. It would also have reference value in other large libraries throughout the country and abroad. A publication of this sort would have the further good effect of extending the public relations of the libraries particularly among continuing and prospective donors, an area vastly important for the successful growth of any manuscript collection.

A number of persons have proved to be frequent users of Special Collections during 1957-58. Don Anselmo Albareda, Prefect of the Vatican Library, examined medieval and renaissance manuscripts in the Plimpton Collection. Professor Ruth Elson of Vassar College consulted American textbooks in the Plimpton Collection. Professor James Ragland of Long Beach State College (California) and Professor George B. Tindall of Louisiana State University made extensive use of the Oral History Research Office Reminiscences. Professor David Van Tassel of the University of Texas consulted various manuscript collections (Dunning, Burgess and Bancroft) for material relating to the history of the American Historical Association. Professor Milton Lomask of New York University used material in

the Sydney Howard Gay Collection relating to Andrew Johnson. Professor Abraham Schreiber of the Jewish Theological Seminary made extensive use of several volumes of Hebrew manuscripts in the Carpentras Collection. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Howe examined scientific and mathematical instruments in the Smith Collection in connection with the preparation of an exhibit for the Brussels Fair. Other visitors and researchers included Millen Brand, Milton J. Lewine, Daniel Aaron, Benjamin Morreale, Paul Bixler, Benjamin Perkins, Louis Zara, Mrs. W. J. Robbins, and Martin Siegel. As indicated in the statistical tabulation, there has been a general decrease in the use of Special Collections this year.

Three lectures on Special Collections and the research materials available in this department were given to thirty-four students in the graduate literature seminars of Professors Unterrecker and Sparkman.

The following material was loaned to other libraries for exhibition purposes: Two letters from John Jay to the Marquis de Lafayette were loaned to the Pierpont Morgan Library; Two special bindings, one by Derome le Jeune, the other done for Jean Grolier, were loaned to the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore; Twelve volumes in the field of natural history were loaned to the Grolier Club.

Exhibitions, 1957-58

Joan H. Baum - Assistant to the Head of Special Collections

1. Playbills of the 19th century from the Conway Collection. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Arranged by Kenneth Lohf. July 1 - September 14, 1957.
2. Selected volumes issued by the Limited Editions Club, from the George Macy Memorial Collection. In third floor exhibition cases, Butler Library. Selected and arranged by Joan H. Baum. July 1 - October 14, 1957.
3. Selections from the Smith Collection of Arabic and Persian Korans. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Arranged by Kenneth Lohf. September 15 - November 27, 1957.
4. Bruce Rogers Memorial Exhibition, of books designed and printed by BR. In third floor exhibition cases, Butler Library. Prepared by Roland Baughman. October 15, 1957 - January 27, 1958.
5. Works relating to Joseph Conrad. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Selected and arranged by Kenneth Lohf. November 27 - December 15, 1957.
6. Ariel poems. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. December 16, 1957 - January 25, 1958.
7. Parsons Prints relating to early transportation in New York City. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Arranged by Kenneth Lohf. January 27 - February 21, 1958.
8. Selected letters and documents from the John Jay Collection. In third floor exhibition cases, Butler Library. Selected and described by Roland Baughman. January 28 - May 14, 1958.

9. George Washington's Diaries. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case.
Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. February 22 - March 26, 1958.
10. Limited Editions/^{Club}publications from the current series. In Main Reading Room,
Butler Library, three cases. Arranged by Joan H. Baum. March 3, 1958 -
11. National Library Week, March 16-23. Great classics that often remain unread.
In Butler Library Lobby, second floor, four cases. Selected by Joan H. Baum
and Roland Baughman. March 14 - March 31, 1958.
12. Bindings by Robert Riviere. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case.
Prepared by June Lord-Wood. March 27 - May 11, 1958.
13. Patent Sheets representing patents obtained during the period 1904-1921 for
stone lithographic designs for cigar box labels, selected from a gift from
the Eastern Colortype Corporation. In Butler Library, Lobby, second floor,
one case. Selected by Charles Mixer. April 21 - June 30, 1958.
14. Early editions and manuscripts of Publius Ovidius Naso. In Special Collections
Reading Room, one case. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. May 12, 1958 -
15. Some aspects of the International Geophysical Year with emphasis on the contri-
butions of Columbia University. In third floor exhibition cases, Butler
Library. Prepared by members of the Geology Department and Library under the
supervision of Edward Brandon. May 19 -

Columbia University Libraries
Archive of Russian and East European History and Culture
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General.

The Archive is well known to the entire East European emigration as the central instance of deposit of historical materials. This is attested by our extensive correspondence and the acquisitions from various countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, both Americas, and Australia. Almost every exile is confident that the Archive always comes to the rescue of all those valuable materials which are threatened by destruction and oblivion, that the Archive fulfills to the last letter all conditions and restrictions imposed by the owners or custodians of accepted materials, and that the Archive never pursues any political goals, but is dedicated to the historical science, and is always trying to assist the objective scholar in performance of his task.

Main Purpose.

The Archive continues to execute its major task of gathering together the historical materials, since if not so gathered, many of these materials would be forever lost to any researchist-historian.

Year's Acquisitions.

According to the Inventory Card Index the following are the materials which the Archive has collected during the past year.

Archival collections (every collection as a unit) - 23 colls.

Manuscripts (mostly memoirs) - 84 mss.

Epistolary collections - 11.

Special collections of various materials - 33

Of these materials, 65 per cent were acquired on a gift status and 35 per cent were purchased with small token payments.

Study and Appraisal.

Each acquisition required extensive preliminary study, research of its background, and lastly, the most delicate problem of all - a fair appraisal.

Correspondence Prior to Acquisition.

Almost every one of the materials acquired was the result of an extensive search and lengthy correspondence.

Resumes.

Each acquisition was based on a resume (summary) concerning its nature and value. The number of these resumes totalled about 130 for this year.

Subject and Person Card Index.

As soon as the acquired materials were read, cards were made out for them to constitute a Subject and Person (Name) Index which should cover all acquisitions.

Use of Materials.

In accordance with permission from Professor Philip E. Mosely, there were in the current year 40 Columbia University students visits. They used the materials pertaining to the constitutional movement in Russia in 1870-1906; Gosud. Duma and Gosud. Soviet in 1906-1917; the liberal and revolutionary parties in 1906-1917; the Russian United Nobility in 1906-1916; the World War I and German

Uncatalogued Books and Serials
Special Collections
June 1958

Barnouw Purchase (early Dutch)	6/30/57.	182	
	Cata. 1957-58	20	
	Uncata. 6/30/58	182	
Benjamin, William		188	
Berlioz	6/30/57	187	
	Cata. 1957-58	219	
	6/30/58	204	
Berel		204	+ 88 = 592
Children's Historical		12211	
Conway	6/30/57	245	
	Cata. 1957-58	105	
	Uncata. 6/30/58	182	
Coykendall		315	
Crane, Harte		58	
Crane, Stephen		106	
Dale		1000	
Dramatic Museum (transferred from 602 philosophy)		415	
Engel		81	
Haller		80	
Harris-Oliphant		116	
Hill		140	
Hitchcock		88	
Hoe		33	
Jones, T.S.		232	
Kent		1480	
Lodge	6/30/58	1130	
	Added 1957-58	172	
	Cata. 1957-58	53	
	Uncata. 6/30/58	1249	
Manuscript books ("X")	6/30/57	154	
	Added 1957-58	39	
	Cata. 1957-58	26	
	Uncata. 6/30/58	157	West ms 105 Persian etc 67
Matthews		534	
Montgomery (transfer)	6/30/57	280	
	Transferred 1957-58	8	
	To be transferred 6/30/58	974	
Prentis		225	
Plimpton		11028	
Salmans		160	
Science (transfer)	6/30/57	3150	
	Transferred 1957-8	202	
	To be transferred 6/30/58	2949	
Seligman	6/30/57	18301	
	cata. 1957-58	1538	
	Uncata. 6/30/58	16763	

Smith	6/30/57	2750
	Added 1957-58	19
	Cata. 1957-58	123
	Uncata. 6/30/58	2640
Spinoza	6/30/57	1073
	Cata. 1957-58	281
	Uncata. 1957-58	126
Typographic	6/30/57	15009
	Transferred to "B"	214
	" to BA	829
	" to GA	327
	" to SLS	30
	" to misc	108
	Discarded	406
	Uncata. 6/30/58	13809

UNCATALOGUED 59504
 TO BE TRANSFERRED 3922
 TOTAL TO BE PROCESSED 63426

SERIALS

Benjamin, Park	175 titles
Boykendall	18 "
Kilroe	110 "
Microfilm	728 reels
School of Library Service	150 titles
Typographic Library	100 (?) titles

SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SERVICE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1957/58

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1957/58
Library Service Library

Each year we turn in a few pages of rather sanctimonious description of what we have done during the preceding twelve months as though no one else in the Columbia Libraries did as much as we do, or as well, and as though we bore the burden of our many troubles alone. Whether cooperation from other libraries has been more complete this year, or whether for some reason we feel humble and wish to acknowledge our dependence on every other member of the staff of the libraries, we are not sure. This report, anyway, is a note of appreciation for all the work other people do to keep running that important institution, the Library Service Library. The ABC's of our existence are, of course, Acquisitions, the Bindery, and the Catalog Department. Acquisitions has always done a great deal for us, but this year we have had almost perfect service in gifts and exchanges, book purchases, and microfilm, despite the usual quota of mistakes made in SLA. The problems connected with microfilm orders and records of uncataloged material have been ironed out, except in regard to Slavic film which goes first to Russian Archives. This has and is causing many headaches, for us and for our patrons. Cancelling this off against the excellent and sometimes miraculous service we get on everything else, SLA is still ahead, but we hope that this last trouble spot will be cleared up this year. Perhaps we need a summit conference? Serials and Documents Acquisitions is essential to this library, and they have worked hard on our behalf. We think that time elapsed between our sending down a claim, and its return with a note of action taken, is the

shortest in Columbia history -- around a week.

The Bindery is an essential factor in our latest attempt to improve service. We have this year had plastic or pamphlet bound some hundreds of circulating copies of serials which have never been loaned by the SLS Library previously. We already notice a lessening of complaints and of requests for special favors, and will continue the project but at a slower pace. We wouldn't have blamed the Bindery for rebelling, but they have been patient with our vocal dislike of the new bindery slips and changes in procedure. It does seem that some "improvements" made to save money in a technical department may not really be savings if the extra time and money spent in every readers' service division were counted, but we are probably wrong, though unconvinced. The new plan for laminating should make all our lives much happier, and we hope that the Bindery is given more time and money to work out other such arrangements.

For the Cataloging Department we have many words of praise. This even includes Serial Cataloging, which for years took up a paragraph in the SLS annual report, every word a complaint. Now we get TWENTY FOUR HOUR SERVICE. Great inroads have been made not only on serials arrears, but on cataloging the Children's Historical Collection. Graphic Arts cataloging has also been resumed. Our one complaint with the Cataloging Department is again about Slavic materials on film. A few reels were cataloged -- just enough to tantalize. To the vociferous disapproval of microfilm patrons, some hundreds of reels remain to be done. This is at the moment the only obstruction to the otherwise smooth running of the microfilm section of the

SLS Library.

The Photographic Department is an essential part of microfilm servicing, though on paper there may be a complete separation of duties. They splice film, give us advice on what to do in unusual cases, and Mr. Ballou, with apparently inexhaustible patience, serves as advisor to dozens of faculty, students, and visitors on problems concerned with the purchase and servicing of reading as well as camera equipment.

To the Business Library we are grateful for caring for the book return boxes, which seem to us to have contributed substantially to the satisfaction of our patrons. The emptying of the boxes and the return of material to its source is efficiently done at what must be a sacrifice to the Business Library staff.

The College Library helped us in the solution of our noisiest crisis of the year, which arose from a student demand for Sunday opening of the Library Service Library. After the initial flurry of petitions and urgings to register complaints, demand died down. Not more than a half dozen individuals asked that material be sent to the College Library, but the service was available. Other demands may come in the future if the emphasis of the school continues on night classes. If ever the College Library drops Sunday opening hours, we will be in a much weaker position.

Special Collections did yeoman work in supplying the (literally) hundreds of volumes Miss Frick uses for her courses in the history of books and printing. The requests must come at inconvenient times, and we always want everything immediately -- and get it.

Without the Reference Department, none of the other libraries would be nearly as effective. They give advice, aid, and sympathy, and the latest bulletins on what is going on outside their windows. In emergencies they do for us, and we suspect for others, work which is really the job of the departmental library. Miss Buist is the best liaison we have in trying to control the Slavic file, and her knowledge, patience, and willingness to help everyone deserves recognition.

The Personnel and Supply offices put up with the bad arithmetic and frantic calls for emergency help, and usually rise to the occasion. The Library Office has been doing a good job, so far as we can judge from this end, of weeding out microfilm users who monopolised our machines without sufficient cause.

The Library Service Office has all year done every possible thing that could make our life easier -- except perhaps to dispose permanently of a few students of whom we are not very fond.

To the administration of the library we give praise for the new salary scale. We may not work any harder during 1988/89, but we should be happier and feel more appreciated.

To all the other librarians who have loaned us books, suggested material for purchase or given it to us, helped with reference questions, loaned supplies which SLS ran out of between Tuesdays, patiently answered calls about their microfilm machines and let our patrons use them, and put up with the library school students we farm out to them, we now offer the Thank You we may not have taken time to say before.

STAFF LIST
1957/58

Professional

Darthula Wilcox
Wei-ta Pong
Caroline Tengstrom

July 1957-
July 1957-Aug. 1957
Sept. 1957-

Desk Assistants

Margaret Forstner
William E. Moser, Jr.
Juliette Kussman
Sonya Hagna
Betty Simpson
Robert Funk
James McLoughlin
John Corigliano
John Danser
Lewis Rubin

July 1957-
July 1957-May 1958
July - Aug. 1957
July - Aug. 1957
Aug. 1957-
June 1958-
June 1958
Sept. 1957 - May 1958
Sept. 1957 - Jan. 1958
Jan.-May 1958

Pages

Harvey Leifert
James McLoughlin
Roscoe Lamb
John McKenna

July 1957
July-Nov. 1957
Sept. 1957 - May 1958
Nov. 1957-

School of Library Service Library
BOOKSTOCK as of June 30, 1958

CLASS	SUBJECT	TITLES	VOLUMES
000	Bibliography	4461	9502
020	Library science-theory	2463	8106
021-024	Library science-general	1210	1843
025	Administration of libraries	2067	4015
026	Special libraries	556	1085
027	Public & college libraries	4268	12429
028-029	Reading & library methods	1737	2934
050-090		430	739
100		214	291
200		43	50
300 except 370		933	2099
370	Education	3001	6333
400		131	176
500		162	233
600		1235	2048
700		168	293
800		540	755
900 & B		672	1055
Sutcliffe-Shaver		341	442
LS	Reference room	1780	7808
Juvenile		4644	5176
Children's Historical (estimated)		5000	5000
Total		33184	72958
Total bookstock: June 30, 1957		35821	71781
June 30, 1958		34096	70069

SLS Circulation Statistics
1957/58

USE IN BUILDING

CIRCULATION

RESERVE

NON-RESERVE

Month	Books		Coll. Cat.		Shelving	Reserve	Non-reserve	Rental Res.	Microfilm	Total
	Signed	Shelving	Signed	Shelving						
July	3783	532	423	448	1637	361	1589	57	788	9948
Aug.	1724	797	430	497	1794	198	756	30	173	8737
Sept.	217	299	304	435	596	62	344	11	426	3013
Oct.	3234	495	315	531	1716	393	2230	33	981	11235
Nov.	1909	202	327	413	1009	404	1209	40	932	7745
Dec.	1564	272	167	431	1073	159	1306	28	923	6323
Jan.	1695	350	742	986	1233	193	903	47	1470	7339
Feb.	2913	331	743	773	1231	216	736	47	616	7408
Mar.	3470	375	319	317	1354	239	1069	20	1074	9506
April	1903	362	1241	1091	1339	142	1021	32	1339	8676
May	2324	232	874	828	1230	197	666	30	1217	7716
June	28	423	308	479	1316	7	253	0	714	3323
Total	26666	4731	9032	7749	13906	2626	12192	427	11063	39421
1956/57	25426	3590	7901	6060	14119	2314	10040	368	10680	31389

Grand Total: 1957/58 89421
1956/57 81389
1955/56 82545

School of Library Service Library

COLLEGE CATALOGS

	Number added	Number used
1937/38	8022	8056
1938/39	8217	7901
1939/40	2940	7136

SLS Microfilm Statistics
1957/58

MICROFILM HOLDINGS (CATALOGUED)

	Titles	Reels
July 1, 1958	3553	12767
July 1, 1957	3065	12213
July 1, 1956	5674	5932

CIRCULATION

	No. of users	No. of reels
1957/58	4623	11063
1956/57	4509	10619
1955/56	5101	5380

1957/58

July	290	798
Aug.	292	575
Sept.	250	426
Oct.	444	941
Nov.	431	952
Dec.	427	925
Jan.	414	1470
Feb.	555	616
Mar.	455	1074
April	592	1359
May	484	1217
June	221	714
Total	4623	11063

School of Library Service Library

PERIODICALS
1957/58

Month	Added	Routed to Faculty	Routed to Staff
July	908	29	42
Aug.	848	11	21
Sept.	1739	11	53
Oct.	926	34	77
Nov.	349	33	72
Dec.	1296	39	67
Jan.	1001	53	67
Feb.	776	34	55
Mar.	1049	36	60
April	1126	27	31
May	1005	20	71
June	917	2	21
Total	12240	314	512
1956/57	10267	586	684
1955/56	10899	359	1034

Periodical claims sent out: 520

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Care and organization of the Collections

I - Printed Materials

Acquisition

The collections have been increased this year by the addition of 3491 new volumes (2187 catalogued and 1304 uncatalogued). This represents an increase of 99 volumes over last year's figure of 3392. The uncatalogued titles include 113 original Indian Treaties published by the State Dept. representing agreements reached by the United States Army and various Indian tribes from 1833 to 1870, the gift of Lindley Eberstadt; 983 historical maps, transferred from the Geology Library, and two presented to the Libraries - the 1696 Cassini Planisphere given by Mr. and Mrs. O. Victor and an Engraved Chart of the World showing the isogenic lines as determined by Edmund Halley, the gift of Dr. Dallas Pratt. 526 volumes were received from the Medical Library to be added to the Medical Deposit.

Cataloging

Cataloging of printed materials has proceeded along usual lines this year, with the concentration of work on the cataloging of materials received in previous years (Berlioz, Seligman, Spinoza, Smith, Typographie). A total of 6825 volumes were processed, 2187 of which were new acquisitions and 4638 were of previous holdings. Work on the Berlioz Collection was completed, and, at the year's end, the Spinoza Collection is all but done.

Weeding

The collections were decreased in 1957-1958 by the transfer of 8633 non-rare volumes from the department. Selected for removal from the Dramatic Museum were 3921 volumes. The collection now contains 3192 catalogued and 415 uncatalogued volumes. The Book Arts Collection was decreased by 1116 volumes of which 65 volumes were transferred to Graphic Arts and 458 to the Children's Historical Collection. 537 volumes from the Typographic Library

were transferred to Graphic Arts and 485 were sent from this collection for discard from Special Collections.

The gradual transfer of non-rare materials from Special Collections to other departments of the Libraries, where possible, will give longer hours of access to this material for students and, by reducing the amount of supervision required for non-rare materials in Special Collections, will free more staff time for concentration on the rare materials.

Departmental Holdings - Printed materials

The total recorded holdings in printed materials stands at 200,301 volumes as of June 30, 1958, a decrease of 2,142 volumes from 1956-57 holdings. Of these approximately 63426 volumes are still uncatalogued or in the process of transfer from other departments (i.e. Montgomery and Science collections)

II - Manuscripts

Acquisition

The department's holdings have been increased by the addition of 249 individual manuscripts, including 116 French documents of the 16th to 18th centuries, the gift of Harry G. Friedman, and 28 manuscript collections (ca 50,000 items). The latter includes the John Jay Papers; the George Leslie Harrison Papers on the Federal Reserve System; the Richard Worsam Meade Collection on Motor Transportation; The Mayor's Court Papers, the bequest of Benjamin Salzer; The Lewis Corey Papers, gift of his wife; The correspondence and manuscripts relating to "The American Story", gift of Carl Maverlin, President of Broadcast Music, Inc., bringing the total number of collections to 305. Of these 176 are arranged and indexed, 99 are arranged but not indexed and 30 are neither arranged nor indexed. Additions were made also to the Barzun, Berlioz, Erskine, Vanderlip, Champfleury, Putnam, Brand, J. T. Adams, Rank and University Seminars collections.

74 memoirs were added to the Oral History Research Office file of Reminiscences, including those of Judge Learned Hand, Claude G. Bowers, Clarence B. Kelland, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., William Savacool, Claude R. Wickard, Reinhold Niebhr, Thomas H. McKitterick, etc.

Cataloging

8825 letters and documents were sorted, filed and indexed in part for 36 collections including, John Jay Papers, Frank A. Vanderlip Papers, John Watts (Pres. of P. & S.) Correspondence, Thomas Kilby Jones Papers, Curtis Eidden Page (poetry mss.) Papers, Alexander Hamilton Letters, John Lecktrecker correspondence, Hector Berlioz correspondence, Typographic Manuscripts, Park Benjamin correspondence, etc. The indexing and calendaring of the Jay Papers is still in process.

Vanderlip Papers - In February 25 hours of GA time were added to Special Collections staff budget to relieve June Lord-Wood of her Reading Room Desk assignments for work on the Vanderlip Papers, the time to be paid for out of the Vanderlip fund. 500 was expended to cover 25 hours for 17 weeks. During that time the collection was unpacked and a preliminary sorting made, separating printed materials and placing the large groups of letters in a rough alphabetical order. About 2500 items have been processed in final form as of June 30, 1958. It will probably require another six months or possibly a full academic year at the same rate to complete work on this collection.

III - Binding

Our binding allotment for 1957-58 of 2500 plus an extra 1500 assigned in April for this purpose has enabled Special Collections to make some progress in keeping abreast of the increased binding necessitated by increased cataloging. There are, in addition to the current binding, of course, many volumes still to be cared for which were laid aside in

the past when binding funds were lower.

471 volumes were sent to the commercial binder in 1957-1958, 121 of them being the master's essays for the year. This item, chargeable to Special Collections for the first time this year, in effect cancelled the 500 increase in our binding allotment.

The repair of leather bindings which need expert attention for their preservation remains a major problem as this involves the services of Miss Von Dobeneck.

1379 volumes were sent to the local bindery for board portfolios and minor repairs.

IV -Book Oiling

An attempt has been made this year to allot some staff time to the oiling and polishing of leather bindings. About 500 of the more unusual ones have been done since January. In conjunction with this and a projected exhibition of historical bookbinding, a detailed catalog is being made of the bindings of note in Special Collections. It is hoped that in time outstanding bindings in other departments may be included.

12. Bindings by Robert Rivière. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. ~~x~~ prepared by June Lord-Wood. March 27 - May 11, 1958.
13. Patent Sheets representing patents obtained during the period 1904-1921 for stone lithographic designs for cigar box labels, selected from a gift from the Eastern Colortype Corporation. In Butler Library, Lobby, second floor, ~~one~~ case, Selected by Charles Mixer. April 21 - June 30, 1958.
14. Early editions and manuscripts of Publius Ovidius Naso. In Special Collections reading Room, one case. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. May 12, 1958 -
15. Some aspects of the International Geophysical Year with emphasis on the contributions of Columbia University. In third floor exhibition cases, Butler Library. Prepared by members of the Geology Department and Library under the supervision of Edward Brandon. May 19 -

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Purchases:
\$250. or more

Fund 497 Lodge

1. Horace, His Arte of Poetrie... Translated by Tho. Drant. London, 1567.
\$292.50. (July)
2. Cicero. De Officiis. Paradoxa. De Amicitia. De Senectute. Somnium Sciptionis. Versus Duodecim Sapientium. De Legibus. Venice, Printer of Ausonius, 1472.
\$575.00. (October)
3. Caesar. Opera. Edited by Hieronymus Bononius. Treviso, Michele Manzole, 1480.
\$300.00. (October)
4. Aristoteles. Ethica. Politica Deconomica. Farazoas, Printer: Heinrich Botel, ca. 1478.
\$950.00. (December)
5. Phalaris. Epistolae. Florence, 1471.
\$250. less 10%. (December)
6. Cicero. Epistolae ad familiares. Venice, Adam von Ammergau, 1471.
\$550.00. (April)

Fund 482 Smith

1. Klein, Felix. 75 letters and 85 postcards all addressed to Professor Ludwig Schlesinger from Felix Klein, 1910-1922. (Mathematics)
\$775.00. (July)
2. Zacutus, Abraham. Almanach perpetuum. Venice, Liechtenstein, 1502.
\$385.00 (July)
3. Argolus, Andreas. Exactissimae caelestium motuum Ephemerides... Padua, Paolo Frambotti, 1648. 3 vols.
\$250.00 less 10%. (December)
4. Pisani, Ottavio. Astrologia, seu Motus, et Loca Siderum... Antwerp, 1613.
\$750.00 less 10%. (December)
5. MS St. Johannes Damascenus. Dialectica. - De Fide Orthodoxa. Manuscript. n.p., 1372. A.D.
\$2,800.00 less 15%. (December)
6. Brahe, Tycho. De mundi aetherei recentioribus phaenomenis liber secundus. Prague, 1603.
\$425.00 (May)

Fund 510 Benjamin

- Bryant, William Cullen. The White-Footed Deer and Other Poems. Original printed wrappers, rebacked. New York, 1844.
\$250.00

Fund 4-293 Bancroft

✓ Jay, John. Letter Book of John Jay. Manuscript. December 1779 to October 1789.
Bound in 4 folio volumes.
\$2,850.00. (December)

Fund 400 Bancroft

✓ Collection of 21 operational maps of the Army of the Cumberland and the Army of the Ohio of the Civil War, mainly 1862 and 1863.
\$250.00 (January)

Fund 293 Special Collections

✓ Da Ponte, Lorenzo. Collection of 3 a.l.s.s. to S. Jarvis, dated 12 Sept. 1809, [7 Nov. 1809] and 25 Nov. 1809; 1 ms. poem by Da Ponte, "Un doloroso addio a'miei libri"; and 1 l.s. (draft) of S. Jarvis to Da Ponte. 5 pieces.
\$250.00 (March)

No important purchases \$250. or over in:

August
November
February
June

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December, 1957 Continued

Fund 482 Smith Continued

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March, 1958 - Fund 293

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May, 1958 - Fund 482 Smith

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June, 1958 - None.

Exhibitions, 1957-58

Joan H. Baum - Assistant to the Head of Special Collections

1. Playbills from the 19th century from the Conway Collection. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Arranged by Kenneth Lohf. July 1 - Sept. 14, 1957
2. Selected volumes issued by the Limited Editions Club, from the George Macy Memorial Collection. In third floor exhibition cases, ^{Butler} Butler Library. Selected and arranged by Joan H. Baum. July 1 - October 14, 1957.
3. Selections from the Smith Collection of Arabic and Persian Korans. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Arranged by Kenneth Lohf. September 15 - November 27, 1957.
4. Bruce Rogers Memorial Exhibition, of books designed and printed by BR. In third floor exhibition cases, Butler Library. Prepared by Roland Baughman. October 15, 1957 - January 27, 1958.
5. Works relating to Joseph Conrad. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Selected and arranged by Kenneth Lohf. November 27 - December 15, 1957.
6. Ariel poems. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. December 16, 1957 - January 25, 1958.
7. Parson's Prints relating to early transportation in New York City. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Arranged by Kenneth Lohf. January 27 - February 21, 1958.
8. Selected letters and documents from the John Jay Collection. ~~Butler~~ In third floor exhibition cases, Butler Library. Selected and described by Roland Baughman. January 28 - May 14, 1958.
9. George Washington's Diaries. In Special Collections Reading Room, one case. Prepared by Kenneth Lohf. February 22 - March 26, 1958.
10. Limited Editions/publications from the current series. In Main Reading Room, Butler Library, three cases. Arranged by Joan H. Baum. March 3, 1958 -
11. National Library Week, March 16-23. Great classics that often remain unread. In Butler Library Lobby, second floor, four cases. Selected by Joan H. Baum and Roland Baughman. March 14 - March 31, 1958.

REPORT OF THE CURATOR OF COLUMBIANA FOR THE YEAR 1957-58

The statistics for Columbiana for this year are as follows:

Books used	1591
MS boxes used	569
Visitors	666
Total attendance	1531

This has been a fairly busy year, with some extensive and interesting additions. The Alumni News, upon its demise, turned over to us two enormous files, one of photographs of individuals, and the other of biographical material. The four drawers of photographs have been filed with our own biographical material. The eight file cabinets of morgue material will ultimately be filed in our own files, and this work is being done as time permits. Meanwhile, the Alumni Office files are available, but on the fourth floor, which makes for some inconvenience.

Extensive changes were made in the lighting of Room 10 in the basement. The lighting had never been sufficient, and there were great dark areas. Now the room is all lighted properly, and we are able to make much more satisfactory use of the shelves there.

The Council for Research in the Social Sciences decided this year to give up its own file of the publications done on grants made by that organization. We have maintained a parallel file here, which is fully catalogued. Some time has been spent checking our holdings, and perfecting our own set. The duplicate publications have been discarded or returned to their authors. The new items are being sent to the cataloguing department to be added to the Columbiana set.

The Class of 1899 has been one of the most active and loyal Columbia College classes, and the officers apparently preserved every scrap of information about everything they ever did. Several cartons of this material came to us this year and have been stored as received. It will take some time to reduce the bulk to something manageable for preservation.

This spring we received five attractive oriental rugs as a gift from Mrs. Ward Melville, wife of Ward Melville '09, whose attention had been called to the bareness of our floors. These add greatly to the appearance of the room.

In June we received a substantial collection of papers of the late Frederick J.E. Woodbridge, sometime Dean of the Graduate Faculties, presented by his children, Frederick J. Woodbridge and Mrs. Paul Austin Wolfe. These will be arranged at an early date. They consist mainly of notebooks and lecture notes together with diaries covering the last four years of his life. His correspondence will come to us later.

In connection with the Hamilton dinner on April 30 we opened a new exhibition here on Morningside: The Early Years. Again this year, the dinner guests were served cocktails in this room, and there was a gay and colorful assemblage for nearly an hour previous to the dinner.

Leon Levine, director of radio and TV at the university, was temporarily given desk space for himself and a secretary in the south end of the room in the late spring. This is not a satisfactory arrangement for either of us, and space elsewhere should be found for them.. It is out of character to have a business office in one part of this handsome room, and the nature of our

materials is such that Columbiana should have complete control of the room.

The following young ladies have been employed here during the past year: Isabel Davy Uhr, B.S., Deborah Millgram, B.A., B.H.L., Sue Levitt (Barnard 1959).

Respectfully submitted,

Hilton Hally Thomas

Curator of Columbiana